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## **Finance Sector Top Industry for Geoscientist Salaries**

Alexandria, VA — The American Geological Institute's Workforce Program today released an analysis of salaries for geoscientists by industry relative to those of other scientific fields. Geoscience Currents 51 shows that in 2010, average aggregated salaries for geoscience-related occupations ranged from \$137,660 for geoscience-related occupations in the finance and insurance industry to \$69,949 for geoscience-related occupations in state government. Salary ranges for the aggregated occupations were as narrow as \$26,250 for geoscience-related occupations in the health care industry (\$102,640-\$76,390) to as wide as \$96,960 for geoscience-related occupations in the finance and insurance industry (\$179,610-\$82,650).

AGI will be hosting a free webinar discussion of the issue of geoscience salaries and the details of this and related recent Geoscience Currents on October 3 at 1 pm EDT. To register for the webinar, please visit : [www.agiweb.org/workforce/webinars.html](http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/webinars.html)

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The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 50 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 250,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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